

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

SB 3042 - HB 3315

March 6, 2012

SUMMARY OF BILL: Specifies that the term “state law,” as used in the statutory provision requiring state, county, and municipal records to be open to public inspection by any citizen during business hours unless otherwise provided by state law, means the statutes, rules, and case law of this state.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Comptroller of the Treasury, the evolution of this provision resulted in confusion as the language changed from “state statute” to “state law.” This bill clarifies that state law as used in the current statute means the statutes, rules, and case law of this state.
- Exceptions created pursuant to federal law are not addressed in the bill; therefore, the federal exceptions are still applicable.
- Specifying that statutes, rules, and case law are all considered state law for the purposes of this statute results in no state or local fiscal impact.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lucian D. Geise".

Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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